

ENGLISH WOMEN DRILL, AND ARE READY TO FIGHT

Invaders of Great Britain Would Find Formidable Army of Amazons.

MOVEMENT SPREADS RAPIDLY

All Over Kingdom Women Are Preparing Themselves for Whatever Fortunes War May Bestow Upon Them.

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LONDON, January 2.—We read in dispatches that at least fifty German women, fighting in trenches in men's clothing, have been taken captive by the Russians near Warsaw. If the Germans ever invade Great Britain, and the situation becomes desperate, they will be faced by an army of English Amazons, carefully drilled and trained to the use of the rifle, compared to which these Teutonic women warriors are a mere bagatelle.

When I first heard of the Women's Volunteer Reserve I thought it was a joke, or rather a new ebullition of the suffragette class, but after a visit to Old Bedford College and a view of the determined women perspiring through their military drills, I must confess that my feelings have changed.

WILL FIGHT WHEN COUNTRY IS IN DESPERATE STRAIGHTS

It is not to be concluded that the women will rush to the coast and fight the moment the Germans make a landing. They will take up the rifle only when Great Britain is in desperate straits. Till such an unhappy time the reserve will simply act as a disciplined body of women, skilled in first aid, cooking, dispatch-riding on motor-cycles, signalling and the care of horses.

At the same time, the rifle is not being neglected," said Viscountess Cathcart, the colonel-in-chief of the Women's Emergency Corps. "All the women are spending time in the private rifle ranges, and there are some astonishingly good shots among them. There is no reason in the world why a woman cannot be as good a marksman as a man."

It was also pointed out to me by one of the officers of the women's reserve that women bear certain forms of hardships better than men. It is a well-known physiological fact that women are less susceptible to cold and wet than the stronger sex. Their bodies are better protected by fatty tissue. This is seen on the bathing beach, where women are able to enjoy themselves on chilly days when most of the men seek the clubhouse. The same condition should be true in damp trenches. It is also accepted that a woman, once her nervousness is over, stands more physical pain than men.

"In fact," said my woman informant, "the only way the women would be inferior to men soldiers would be the long marches."

At Old Bedford College, which is the headquarters of the Women's Emergency Corps, I found Colonel Viscountess Cathcart and the Honorable Mrs. Glynne, honorary colonel, hard at work with their recruits. Having been remembered for her carefully organized remount camp, which she built up at the time of the Boer War, through the regular army, infantry drill. They were not women of leisure. Most of them had put through days' toil already in an office or some professional line.

Several regular army officers in uniform were present to assist in the work. The war officers at first took a contemptuous attitude towards the movement, but they have come to see the value of it just as the usefulness of the Boy Scouts is now generally recognized.

I had an interview with Captain Robert, the women drill officer. "We are following the regular army drill throughout," he said. "No commissions are granted except for merit. When women are adjudged competent to teach the drill, the regular army officers drop out in their favor."

AN'S RESERVE NONPARTISAN AND NONSECTARIAN

The reserve is strictly nonpartisan and nonsectarian. No women of wealth are permitted to buy commissions, although there have been many attempts at this sort.

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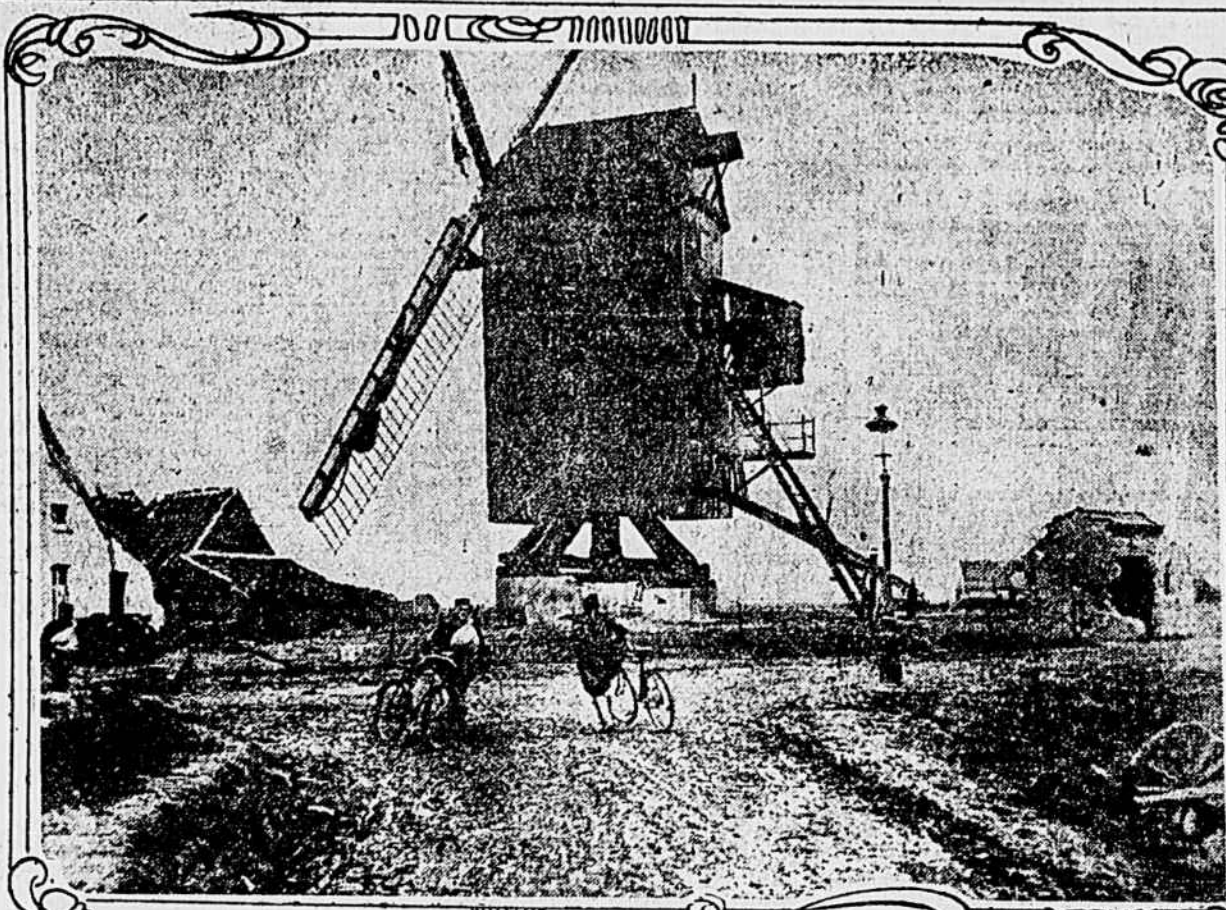
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CONVENIENT SHELTER FOR SHARPSHOOTERS



Windmill on the Newport-Dixmude road Used by Sharpshooters

This windmill on the Newport-Dixmude road proved a very convenient shelter for a detail of German sharpshooters, whose purpose it was to pick off as many of the allied fighters as got within range of their guns. A detail of British soldiers rushed the improvised fort and captured it and the German marksmen.

If women were taught the use of a rifle, the Germans would charge "sniping" and ferocious reprisals would be the result, but now it is realized that the organizing of the women will prevent instead of encourage, such as is certain to take place in moments of great danger among an unorganized populace. The helpless rabble of Belgium, women and children refugees fleeing they knew not whither, will not be repeated in Great Britain.

No woman is permitted to enter the reserve without a careful physical examination. Women doctors from the city hospitals see to this in their hour off. The women of the reserve must be over eighteen and under forty years of age.

Special attention has been paid to signalling practice, as this is an important branch of warfare in which it is unanimously agreed that the female sex may be of service. There are many professional women telegraphers in the reserve. Instruction is given in Morse and semaphore signalling by flags and also by sound.

Other branches of instruction include open-air cooking, dispatch riding, carpentering, fencing and Swedish drill. The movement is spreading all over the islands, rapidly overcoming the indifference which it generally met at first. A vivid description of the condition of women in the war districts of Belgium and France and an explanation of how their sufferings might have been mitigated by proper preparation and organization is usually sufficient to convert every "doubting Thomas."

Branches are especially active in centres where there is a large population of working girls. Of course, there is a large portion of the militant suffragettes. The latter have transferred their energy in this direction. The suffragettes believe they can, by their conduct, in case of an invasion of Britain, present an unanswerable argument for the ballot.

WOMEN ARE DRILLING IN MANY BIG HALLS

The sight of women drilling may be seen at many big halls in London. Two favorites are Knights Bridge Hall and the Armory of the London Scottish at Buckingham Gate.

The majority of the women are clothed in khaki. Their suits consist of skirt, coat, brown shoes, spats, puttees and hats. The cost of the uniform is \$12.50. Most of the women buy their own suits. The reserve is so far entirely self-supporting.

The government has not as yet given permission to the women to carry rifles. The women do not anticipate trouble in this direction, however. They say they hope the necessity for their shouldering the musket will never come, but if it does they will be allowed to take their places on the firing line just as wives and sweethearts of British colonists in many quarters of the earth have stood behind the stockade and fired with their men folk against the attacks of savages.

As a result of this movement, a German invasion will find ready at hand an organization of women who will keep their heads and who will have good health and calm nerves. Those women will have learned the value of organization, self-dependence, comradeship and self-control. They will co-operate with the military and civil authorities. They will direct the flight

of women and children from the scene of fighting, and so take this burden off the government.

It is hoped that after the war the Women's Volunteer Reserve will become a great recreation club. With this end in view a wealthy woman has offered a large tract of land for a personal camp, and it is believed other gifts of this character will be made.

"I wish I was alongside him in the trenches," said the wife of a British soldier recently. This sentiment is echoed in thousands of women's hearts, and this feeling is undoubtedly the prime motive in building up the reserve.

Woman Dies From Wounds.

Fannie Charity, colored, the woman shot by her brother-in-law, Eddie Charity, shortly after midnight Thursday night, died yesterday morning at Virginia Hospital. The man was arrested on the night of the shooting by Policemen McDowen and Shomaker at 1219 North Twenty-fifth Street, where the shooting occurred. A warrant charging him with murder was yesterday sworn out and served on him in the City Jail. He will be arraigned on the charge in Police Court to-morrow morning.

State Buildings Deserted.

The volume of official business transacted in the Capitol and State Library buildings yesterday might be nearest approximated by a zero mark, except for the activities of the State Corporation Commission. The usual Saturday half-holiday, which followed the New Year holiday, was observed in all offices. The public held aloof from the buildings as if under the impression that the New Year holiday lapped over to Monday morning.

CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO EARNINGS SHOW DECREASE

Gain in Coal Revenue, but Cost of Operation Grows More Rapidly.

In spite of the huge increase in its coal and coke transportation during the past six months, the net earnings of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company for the month of November show a decrease of 25 per cent from the same period in the preceding year. For the five months ending on November 30, there is a decrease of 5 per cent in the earnings, although the gain in coal and coke transportation for the period was 18 per cent, and in all others 5 per cent.

The huge losses are caused, according to the monthly statement of the company, to the increasing expenses of operation. Maintenance of way and maintenance of equipment have jumped enormously during the interval. For the former, there is an increase of 14 per cent for the five months over the corresponding period of 1913, and the latter, 16 per cent increase. The proportion of expense to revenue also increased 4 per cent during the period.

In passenger revenues, there is a considerable falling off. In November the decrease was \$43,021.60, or 9 per cent from the same month in 1913. For the five-month period, the loss was \$100,425.55, or 4 per cent. Revenues from mail for both periods increased, while that from express dropped off slightly.

The net operating revenues for November, 1914, were \$706,126.88, as compared with \$937,653.55, in November, 1913. The net earnings for the five months ending November 30, 1914, were \$4,900,952.61, as compared with \$5,133,857.11 for the same period in 1913.

On account of the falling off in passenger revenues, the company has announced that it will cut off several trains now on the local schedule. One of its through trains to the West will be taken off, and a general readjustment of the schedule will become effective to-morrow morning to meet the curtailment. The change, it is announced, is only temporary.

Charged With Stealing Coal.

Henry Coward, forty-one years old, a painter, was last night arrested by Policeman Hickey on a charge of stealing coal from the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway yards.

Sent On to Grand Jury.

Joe Johnson, alias James Payne, colored, arrested by Detective-Sergeants Krenzel and Atkinson as the "barefoot burglar," who terrorized residents of the West End and central sections of the city during the late summer and early fall, was yesterday sent on to the grand jury when his case was called in the Police Court. The de-

fectives are now engaged in working up evidence against the man in a number of cases. He was sent on to the grand jury yesterday on the specific charge of breaking into the residence of S. A. Neal, 1421 Floyd Avenue, and stealing \$25 and a gold watch.

Labor Bureau Warrant.

M. Flosheim was yesterday arrested by Policeman Waller on a warrant sworn out by Miss L. N. Harbourn, of the State Department of Labor, charging him with working women more than ten hours a day. He will be given a hearing in the Police Court to-morrow morning.

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Suits Formerly Priced up to \$25 at \$10.75

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40 Trimmed Hats; originally \$5.00; sale price, 98c.

Any Untrimmed Hat in the house \$3.00, \$4.00 and up to \$7.00 for 79c.

Small lot of Soft Fur Hats, suitable for auto wear; original price \$4.00 to \$6.00; sale price, \$1.49.

Lot Fall Veiling, all colors, including black and white; 25c and 50c quality; sale price, 10c.

Heavy Auto Vells, beautiful shades; \$5.00 quality; to close, \$1.98.

One lot of yard wide Silk, soft taffeta, satins and Persian patterns; originally sold \$1.50 and \$2.00 per yard; sale price, 79c.

One lot remnants of Silk and Satin, \$1.00 quality, 39c.

Mourning Veils

\$1.00 quality Ribbon Bordered Veils, 89c.

\$2.00 quality Hernana and Net Veils, \$1.49.

\$3.00 quality Hernana and Net Veils, \$1.98.

\$5.00 quality Hernana Vells, \$3.98.

\$6.50 quality Hernana Vells, \$4.50.

\$8.50 quality Hernana Vells, \$6.50.

\$14.00 quality Square Crepe Vells, \$9.00.

25 per cent discount on all Mourning Hats.

One-half original price on all Ostrich Plumes, Tips and Feather Bands.

One lot Fancy Jet, Steel and Gold Bands and Trimmings; originally priced 69c to \$1.00; sale price, 39c.

One lot Fancy Bands, were \$2.00, \$3.00 and \$4.00; sale price, \$1.19.

One lot odds and ends French Flowers, 10c.

One lot French Flowers, \$1.00 quality, 29c.

One lot French Flowers, \$1.50 and \$2.00, 69c.

Coat Dept.

\$18.75 Coats reduced to \$10.00

\$25.00 Coats reduced to \$15.00

\$30.00 Coats reduced to \$18.75

\$35.00 Coats reduced to \$25.00

Hosiery Dept.

50c Boot Silk Hose29c

25c Childrens Socks10c

50c Lisle Hose29c

\$1.00 Onyx Hose49c

Glove Dept.

All \$1.00 Gloves reduced to 69c

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